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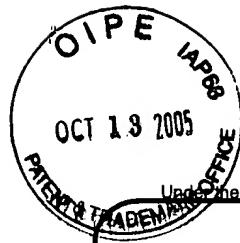
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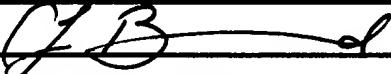
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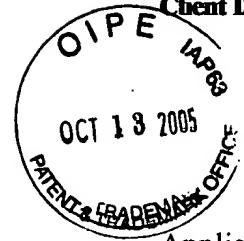
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 15, 2005, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 2.

Remarks begin on Page 6.